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SUBJ: PAN AMERICAN FLIGHTS TO DAMASCUS ON SUNDAYS

1. BECAUSE OF SITUATION IN BEIRUT PAN AM PRESENTLY IS NOT RUNNING ITS SUNDAY FLIGHT PA-110 FROM ROME TO BEIRUT AND DAMASCUS. WE BELIEVE PAN AM WANTS TO REINSTITUTE THE SUNDAY SERVICE AS SOON AS CONDITIONS PERMIT AND FOR THIS REASON THEY APPARENTLY HAVE NOT INFORMED TICKET AGENTS THAT THE SUNDAY FLIGHT (WHICH USUALLY OVERNIGHTS IN BEIRUT) IS NOT OPERATING. SEVERAL TRAVELLERS TO DAMASCUS HAVE EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTY OBTAINING ALTERNATIVE FLIGHTS TO DAMASCUS AFTER BEING STRANDED IN ROME WITH USELESS CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS ON SUNDAY'S PA-110 FLIGHT. THE WEDNESDAY PA-110 FLIGHT STILL OPERATES SINCE IT OVERNIGHTS IN TEHRAN.

2. WOULD YOU ADVISE THOSE OFFICES IN WASHINGTON RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO DAMASCUS OF THE ABOVE. I HAVE WRITTEN TO STEVE SPRINGER, ON HOME LEAVE IN HARRISBURG, PA., SUGGESTING THAT HE CONSIDER ARRIVING HERE ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4 WITH PA-110 RATHER THAN SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CALLING HIM IN EVENT MY LETTER IS DELAYED IN MAIL.  
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